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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: 5TH MONTHLY PREPARATORY:
UK PAPER ON AGENDA ITEM 2 ANTARCTIC MARINE
LIVING RESOURCES

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1. AS SUGGESTED PARA 3 REFTTEL, HEAP HAS PROVIDED US
WITH " INFORMAL TENTATIVE" PAPER ON AGENDA ITEM 2
ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES WHICH HE HOPES TO
TABLE AT 5TH MONTHLY PREPARATORY ON FEBRUARY 15.
HE ASKED IF HE COULD HAVE PRELIMINARY DEPARTMENT VIEWS
FOR INCORPROATION PRIOR TO MEETING. REQUEST DEPARTMENT

COMMENTS BY OPENING BUSINESS LONDON FEBRUARY 15. THIS
WILL GIVE HEAP SUFFICIENT TIME TO RETYPE PAPER BEFORE
MEETING.

2. BEGIN TEXT

PROVISIONAL AGENDAA
ITEM 2

ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES
(PAPER SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM)

1. THE MANDATE FOR DISCUSSION OF ANTARCTIC MARINE
LIVING RESOURCES AT THE IXTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING
DERIVES FROM THE TENTH RECOMMENDATION OF THE VIIITH
CONSULTATIVE MEETING, THE OPERATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF
WHICH MAY BE DIVIDED INTO THREE MAIN HEADINGS:

- (A) THE INCLUSION OF THE SUBJECT ON THE AGENDA
OF THE IXTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING;
- (B) THE NEED TO INITIATE OR EXPAND SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH PROGRAMMES AND THE COOPERATION OF
THE TREATY PARTNERS THEREIN; AND
- (C) THE DEVELOPMENT OF EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR
THE CONSERVATION OF THE RESOURCES.

2. THE FIRST OF THESE REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN FULFILLED,
SO FAR AS IS POSSIBLE AT THIS STAGE, BY THE INCLUSION
OF THE SUBJECT ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE IXTH
CONSULTATIVE MEETING. THE SECOND REQUIREMENT WAS
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ADVANCED SUBSTANTIALLY BY THE RECENT MEETING OF THE
SCAR/SCOR GROUP ON THE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE SOUTHERN
OCEAN, HELD AT WOODS HOLE, USA, LAST AUGUST. IN ACCORD-
ANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 4 OF RECOMMENDATION VIII-10, THAT
MEETING UNDERTOOK A THOROUGH SURVEY OF CURRENT WORK AND,
IN REPORTING ON "PROGRAMMES FOR THE STUDY AND CONSERVA-
TION OF ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES," DEVELOPED A
PROGRAMME FOR THE BIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION OF MARINE
ANTARCTIC SYSTEMS AND STOCKS (BIOMASS). IN THE VIEW
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION THE BIOMASS PROGRAMME
PROVIDES A BASIS FOR EXPLORING WHETHER STEPS SHOULD BE
TAKEN TO FACILITATE COOPERATION BETWEEN CONSULTATIVE
PARTIES TO ENSURE ECONOMIC AND PRODUCTIVE USE OF
RESEARCH AND LOGISTIC CAPABILITIES.

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3. THE THIRD REQUIREMENT ABOVE IS NOT YET UNDER ACTIVE
CONSIDERATION AND THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION CONSID-
ERS THIS ASPECT SHOULD BE STUDIED AND DISCUSSED BY THE
CONSULTATIVE PARTIES AT THIS MEETING WITH A VIEW TO
ACTION BEING TAKEN AT THE IXTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING.
IN THE VIEW OF THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION, THE
DEVELOPMENT OF EFFECTIVE CONSERVATION MEASURES MIGHT BE
ACHIEVED IN TWO PARTS:

- (I) THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEASURES WHICH WILL
ASSIST THE FORTHCOMING SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS

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THROUGH THE COMPILATION, CORELATION AND
DISSEMINATION OF BASIC DATA ON MARINE
LIVING RESOURCES.

- (II) THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEASURES FOR THE

CONSERVATION AND RATIONAL USE OF THESE
MARINE LIVING RESOURCES.

4. THE NEED FOR SUCH MEASURES WAS CLEARLY INDICATED BY
THE SCAR/SCOR GROUP ON THE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE
SOUTHERN OCEAN IN THEIR REPORT OF THE WOODS HOLE MEETING,
PUBLISHING IN SCAR BULLETIN NO. 55, WHICH STATED:

"ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
TO ENSURE THE CONSERVATION AND RATIONAL UTILISATION
OF THESE IMPORTANT RESOURCES. THE GROUP RECOM-
MENDED THAT SCAR SHOULD DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE
PARTIES CONCERNED TO THE NEED FOR SUCH ARRANGEMENTS,
WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE THE COLLECTION AND REPORTING
OF INFORMATION (ESPECIALLY FROM COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS)
SCIENTIFIC STUDIES (ESPECIALLY THE ASSESSMENT
OF THE STATE OF STOCKS), AND AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC
MANAGEMENT MEASURE AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION."
THE GROUP FURTHER DEFINED THE TYPE OF INFORMATION
NEEDED THUS:

"AS A MINIMUM, INFORMATION RESULTING FROM
EXPLORATORY AND COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS
MUST INCLUDE CATCH AND EFFORT STATISTICS IN
SUFFICIENT DETAIL, SAMPLE SIZE AND OTHER
BIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ANIMALS
CAUGHT."

5. THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION THEREFORE BELIEVE
THAT AS A FIRST STEP TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH
CONSERVATION MEASURES, DISCUSSION MIGHT FOCUS UPON THE
DEVISING OF AN AGREEMENT COVERING THE COLLECTION,
REPORTING AND ANALYSIS OF THE TYPE OF INFORMATION
DESCRIBED IN THE SCAR/SCOR GROUP'S REPORT, WITH SPECIAL
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EMPHASIS ON THE COMPILATION OF CATCH STATISTICS.ARMSTRONG

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